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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 31, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

- Food and Consumer Service

Title: Food Security Supplement to the Current Population Survey—III.

OMB Control Number: 0584-New.

Summary: This supplement will collect data on household food expenditures, food assistance and food adequacy that will allow the Food and Consumer Service to measure and analyze the extent of food insecurity and hunger in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the Food-Security Supplement is to routinely obtain reliable data from a large representative national sample in order to tract the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger among U.S. households. The data will be used to address multiple programmatic and policy development needs.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,330.

- National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Equine Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-New.

Summary: Information will be collected concerning equine inventory, revenue and expenses.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will provide USDA with cash receipts data, census administrative data and equine demographics to be used in case of infectious diseases.

Description of Respondents: Farm; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 54,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time only.

Total Burden Hours: 40,500.

- Food and Consumer Service

Title: Status of Claims Against Households.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0069.

Summary: Food Stamp Program regulations require that State agencies submit quarterly Form FCS-209, Status of Claims Against Households, reports. The required information provided on this report must be obtained from an accountable system of established claims, repayment demand letters,

satisfied and compromised claim amounts, and outstanding claims.

Need and Use of the Information: The report provides the Food and Consumer Service with an accountability of the number of claims established, payment amounts and balances.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 742.

- Farm Service Agency

Title: Conservation and Environmental Programs, 7 CFR Part 701.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0082.

Summary: Farm Service Agency in cooperation NRCS, Forest Service and other agencies and organizations, provides eligible producers and landowners, cost share incentives and technical assistance through several interrelated conservation and environmental programs to conserve soil, maintain the fertility of the land and develop the forest.

Need and Use of the Information:

This data is necessary to allow agriculture producers to participate in the conservation programs and to receive compensation for performing conservation and environmental practices for which they had been previously approved.

Description of Respondents: Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 275,000.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 84,583.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by January 31, 1997.

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Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; Revision of System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of revision of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of